

# 2013 Needs Assessment for Bullock County

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## Accomplishments

The Park and Recreation board began football and cheerleading this past fall and purchased a batting cage with locally donated funds. A local Kids and Cops Day helped to bridge the relationship between law enforcement and the community children. A new 4H Extension Leader began clubs in all 5th grade classrooms in the county and a county speech contest was held. The new gym at Bullock County High School was finally opened and students enjoyed basketball season in the new facility.

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## First Priority

### Need related to children of this county

#### Parental Involvement

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Parent/Teacher organizations Recreation Center School Guidance Counselors and Principals Churches Department of Human Resources Parenting Classes through DHR.	Media to encourage involvement in existing resources. Parents educated on the importance of time spent with children More family events in the community . Family enrichment opportunities.

#### Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

1. Hold committee members accountable for ideas and implementation of ideas.
  2. Encourage Board of Education to hire local and insist on community involvement and extracurricular involvement.
- Provide parent and child activities locally.

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## Second Priority

### Need related to children of this county

Reduce the occurrence of teen pregnancy

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Health Department and education materials Guidance counselors AIM Program Life Skills Program Parenting classes	Mentoring programs Parental Support Public advertisement to increase enrollment in available resources

### Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

1. Involve churches in abstinence programs.
2. Work with the community to provide sex education and abstinence based programs.
3. Work with Alabama Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy

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## Third Priority

### Need related to children of this county

Childhood and Adult Obesity

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
Healthy Schools, Healthy Kids, Healthy Family Grant Recreational Programs Bullock County Health Department Zumba at Adams Pecan House Saturdays at 8am Summer Recreation Program	Weekly exercise classes for girls Healthy Cooking classes for children and parents together Menu ideas to use with grocery lists of WIC and Food stamp foods.

### Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

1. Work with new 4H coordinator and County Extension to provide cooking classes.
2. Acquire necessary facility and equipment to begin girls volleyball in the fall to promote being active, self confidence and self worth.